

Route 210 *On the move*

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Construction News Update

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Rialto construction: Ready, set, go!

Rialto residents and commuters have seen a steady stream of Route 210 construction activity since contractors began work in July.

SANBAG and Caltrans, which are partners in the construction, are responsible for separate segments of the freeway project. Caltrans is building Segment 8, and SANBAG is building Segments 9 and 10 (see page 3 for segment map) and will begin construction of Segment 11 later next year.

■ Segment 8 -- Looking Great

Caltrans reports that construction of this segment is well on the road. The Locust Avenue bridge and the completion of Casmalia Street will become a reality by early 2004, and the Alder Avenue bridge will follow.

Once the Locust bridge is completed, work will start immediately on the bridge at Linden Avenue, and drivers will begin using Locust for north/south travel.

■ Segment 9 -- Looking Fine

Construction of the Cactus Channel has been a major focus in both Segment 9 and Segment 8. Riverside Construction, the contractor for both segments, has been installing this massive drainage system, which will prevent freeway flooding and improve local street drainage as well.

Work on the Ayala Drive bridge will start in January, which has required the closure of Ayala through June. Three sound walls are under construction, and closures at Lilac and Spruce have occurred.

■ Segment 10 -- Great Again

Drainage work, construction of an interim Highland Avenue and upcoming construction of the bridge at Riverside Avenue are underway in Segment 10, which is being built by Yeager-Skanska. Galway and Willow streets also have closed, and work recently started on a sound wall south of Highland Avenue.

Welcome to *On the Move*

San Bernardino Associated Governments and the California Department of Transportation are partners in the construction of State Route 210, also known as the Foothill Freeway. Twenty miles of this freeway extension are complete and open to drivers. Construction started in July on the final eight miles of the freeway, which will stretch through Rialto and San Bernardino.

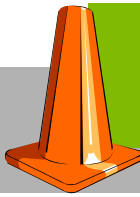
Thank you for reading the first edition of *On the Move*. This newsletter is designed to provide information about the progress of Route 210 during the next four years. *On the Move* is one feature of the Route 210 Public Information and Safety Program.

If you have questions or comments about the construction of this freeway or if you know someone who would benefit from receiving this newsletter, please call our toll-free project helpline, 1-866-HELP-210.



Street closures and drainage improvements are common occurrences at the Riverside/Highland Avenue intersection in Rialto.





Sound wall construction underway

Four sound walls are under construction between Spruce and Riverside avenues in Rialto, and three additional walls are planned for this area during the coming months.

The walls measure 16 feet in height and will help reduce not only future freeway noise, but also noise from construction activity.

Crews have removed residential fencing, installed privacy fencing, poured concrete footings, placed steel rebar and now are setting masonry block. Three of the walls under construction are south of the future freeway; one is north. Work on three other sound walls will start next year.

Street closures in effect during freeway work



Street closures -- both permanent and temporary -- are part of ongoing freeway construction. The following street closures are currently in place.

- Locust Avenue, Easton to Casmalia, through Feb. 04
- Ayala Drive, Easton to Casmalia, through June 04
- Spruce Avenue, north of Highland, permanently
- Lilac Avenue, south of Highland, permanently
- Willow Avenue, south of Highland, permanently
- Galway Street, Riverside and Oakdale, permanently
- Casmalia Street, Lilac to Apple, through Nov. 03

Project safety: A community issue

Construction safety is one of the most important features of the Route 210 project. Everyone who lives, works or travels near this area can help by driving carefully, watching for construction vehicles, following detour signs, reporting suspicious activity to police and above all, being patient.

SANBAG has scheduled safety assemblies for local schools to remind students to "Play it Safe" by staying away from construction sites. Homework materials, signs and other reminders are in place to remind the public of the need for a safe project.



Opening of new Easton Street helps relieve traffic congestion in Rialto

How do you spell relief? E-A-S-T-O-N comes to mind for Rialto motorists. The opening of Easton Street on October 2 is providing some much-needed relief from traffic congestion on Highland Avenue.

The new four-lane street, which runs parallel to Highland Avenue south of the freeway corridor, is now open between Sierra Avenue in Fontana and just east of Ayala Drive in Rialto.

Rialto Unified School District employee Veronica Moreno praised the new route as a "wonderful" alternative to Highland Avenue.

"Driving through Easton was a breeze," she said.

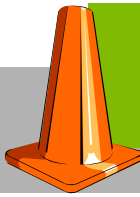
Highland Avenue is now permanently closed between Sierra and Ayala to allow for the construction of bridges, storm drain systems and later, the actual freeway lanes. Route 210 eventually will replace this section of Highland Avenue. The closure of Highland and the opening of Easton are important steps in building the last eight miles of the freeway.

Although Easton Street is helping improve traffic circulation, a serious issue has arisen with the opening of this new street. Many students have been observed crossing both Easton and Highland Avenue near Lilac and Spruce, in areas which do not have traffic signals, stop signs or crosswalks. Crossing these four-lane streets presents a severe safety hazard.

Using signs and safety assemblies, SANBAG has been urging students to use Cactus Avenue to cross these streets safely. Cactus has signals and a crosswalk.

SANBAG also has agreed to fund up to \$90,000 per year for a motorcycle police officer and crossing guard services. The officer will be on duty during peak commute hours to help enforce traffic laws for a safer driving experience through Rialto.



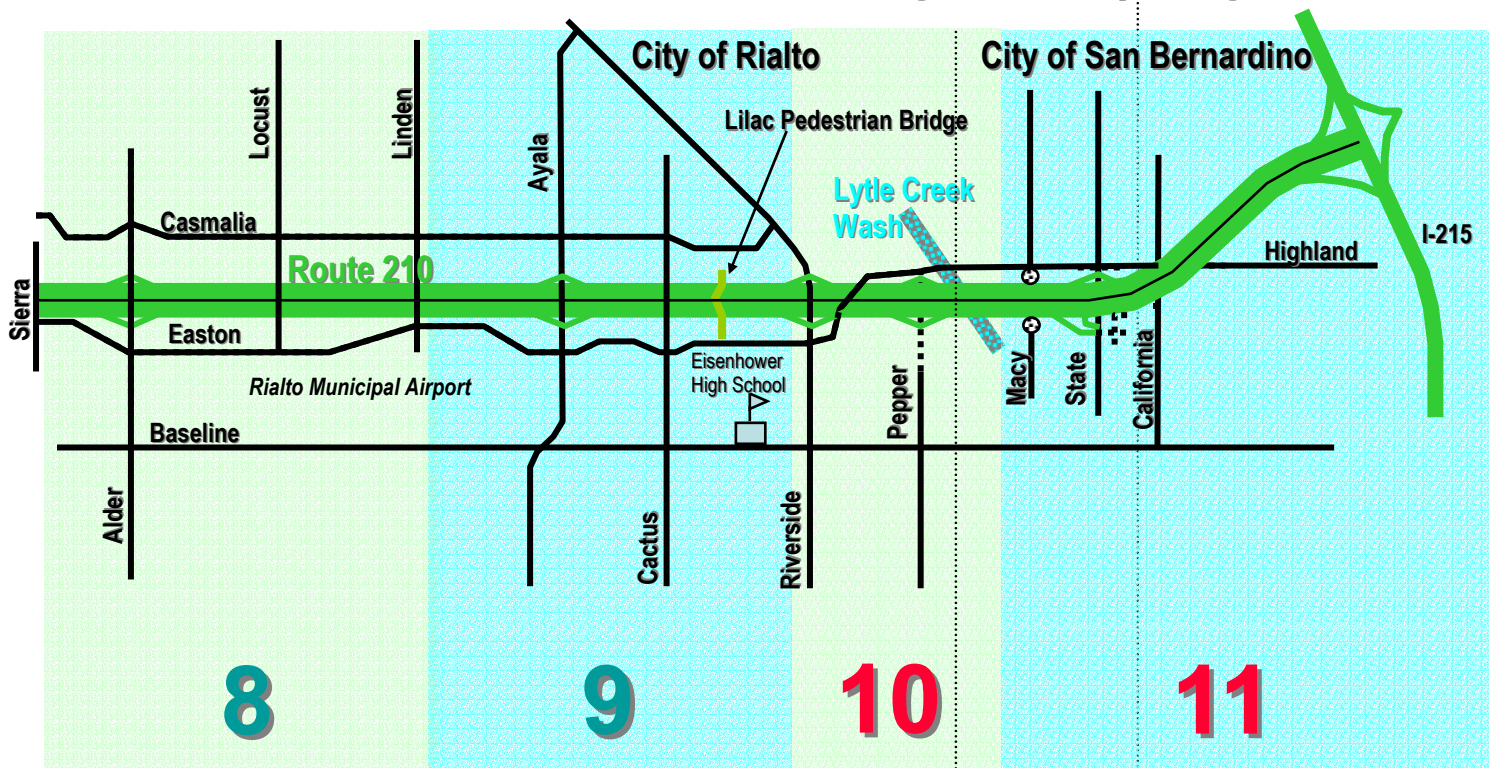


Work near the intersection at Riverside Avenue and Highland Avenue has been steady, with street closures, the construction of a new interim Highland Avenue and the installation of drainage systems. Businesses in the Rancho Verde Plaza are open during construction, and residents are reminded to patronize those businesses.



An important part of the Route 210 project is building the Cactus Channel, a storm drain system that is designed to withstand a 100-year flood. This channel will help prevent the completed freeway from flooding and will improve drainage on local city streets, which are prone to washouts during rainy weather.

State Route 210 construction: Segment by segment



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